THE PARKER FAMILY.

A

SHORT RECORD OF THE ROXBURY BRANCH OF THE PARKER FAMILY, OF READING, MASSACHUSETTS, AND SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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8. PARKER, EDWARD W., son of Thomas H. and Mary Joanna, b. at Hillsboro, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1855, d. unmarried at Cullman, Alabama, Dec. 9, 1880.

8. PARKER, WILLIAM H., son of Thomas H. and Mary Joanna, b. at Hillsboro, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1858, m. Etta Brown, at Hillsboro, Ohio, the 27th of May, 1890, and lives at Lipscomb, Texas. He is a Presbyterian minister.

8. PARKER, ABBOTT A., son of Thomas H. and Mary Joanna, b. at Hillsboro, Ohio, March 21, 1859, m. in Weatherford, Texas, Sarah M. Latsha, Aug. 14, 1884. They live near Weatherford, Texas. They had:

1. Ida Pearl, b. Oct. 14, 1885.
2. Mary Joanna, b. Dec. 18, 1887,
3. Bernice Latsha, b. March 25, 1889.

8. PARKER, SEAVER, son of Thomas H. and Mary Joanna, b. July 5, 1860, m. Cora Inez Eakins, who was b. Dec. 13, 1863, on May 28, 1884. He resides on the homestead of the late Thomas H., near Hillsboro, Ohio. They had:

1. Rebecca Hazel, b. Hillsboro, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1886.
2. Leonita, b. Hillsboro, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1888.

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8. PARKER, OMAR N., son of Thomas H. and Mary Joanna, b. near Hillsboro, Ohio, July 17, 1864, m. Jan. 23, 1890, Amarylis Howard Eakins, of Hillsboro, Ohio, and now live near Timms City, Texas.

In the list of soldiers of the Revolution from Reading, as appears from Eaton's History, there were thirteen Parkers, and this does not include Capt. John Parker, of Lexington, who was descended from the Reading family, and Jonas Parker who was killed there, and also came from the same family. They are: Daniel, William, Joseph, Daniel, Jonas, Aaron, Ebenezer, Nathan, Edmund, Benjamin, Elisha, Ichabod and Caleb.

In the French and Indian Wars of 1754 to 1759-60, were Corp. Benjamin Parker, Green Parker, Ebenezer Parker, Phineas Parker Jonah Parker, Phineas Parker jr., Jonas or Jona, Parker and Asa Parker. This is from the list given in Eaton's History above mentioned.

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PREFACE.

The following is not intended as a genealogy of the PARKER FAMILY, of Reading, but is merely a record of that part of it which may be characterized as the Roxbury branch; tracing back their ancestors to Deacon THOMAS PARKER, of Reading, Massachusetts.

Accuracy has been aimed at in every particular, but it is not as full as could be desired owing to the want of reliable information. The thanks of the undersigned are given to Mr. Augustus Parker, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, for the assistance and information obtained from him.

These pages are respectfully dedicated to those bearing our name, our connections and friends.

GEORGE H. PARKER.

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The Parker Family.

PARKER, DEA. THOMAS.

He came from London, England, embarking there March 11th, 1635, in the "Susan Ellen," Edward Payne, Master. He stopped first at Lynn, Massachusetts; was made a freeman May 17, 1637, and was one of the first settlers of Reading, Mass. Among the division of land in Lynn in 1638, we find from Quarrtely Court at Salem, that he received thirty and ten acres of land.

On a slab in the old grave-yard at Reading there is the following:

"Here lyeth within this arched place the body of Deacon Thomas Parker, who was wox of the foundation of the church, who dyed the 12th of August, 1683, aged about 74."

He married AMY ———, and she died January 15, 1690.

Deacon Thomas and Amy had the following children:

1. Hananiah, b. 1638.
2. Thomas, ————————.
3. Joseph, b. 1642; died soon.
4. Joseph, b. 1645; died soon.
5. Mary, b. 1647.
6. Martha, b. 1649.
7. NATHANIEL, b. May 16, 1651.

8. Sarah, b. 1653, and died soon.
9. Jona, b. 1656.
10. Sarah, b. 1658.
11. John.

Deacon THOMAS lived in the easterly part of Reading, on the place where his descendant and namesake, and official successor, the late Dea. Thomas lived, and where he died in 1822. He was deacon of the first church of Reading from 1645 to 1683. He was a selectman of Reading in 1661, 1665-67, and 1669.

2. PARKER, NATHANIEL, son of Deacon Thomas and Amy, was born May 16, 1651, died Dec. 1737; married Bethiah Polly, who was probably the daughter of John Polly, of Roxbury, whose wife, Bethiah, was the daughter of Dea. William Cowdrey, of Reading. He, Nathaniel, settled, in the West Parish of Reading, near where is now the center of Reading, (on the Sanborn place,) where, it is said, he built the first house in the West Parish. He was the common ancestor of the West Parish Parkers. He was the first person buried in the West Parish grave-yard. He was frequently called Ensign Nathaniel.

They had the following children:

1. Bethiah, b. 1678, and died soon.
2. Nathaniel, b. 1679.
3. Stephen, b. 1684, and died soon.
4. Bethiah, b. 1685, and m. 1707, Ebenezer Emerson.
5. Susana, b. 1687, and m. 1707, Joseph Underwood.
6. Ebenezer, b. 1689, and m. 1714, Mercy Damon.
7. Stephen, b. 1692, and m. 1713, Elizabeth Batcheldor.
8. Caleb, b. 1694.
9. TIMOTHY, b. Feb. 24, 1696.
10. Obadiah, b. 1698.

11. Abigail, b. 1699.
12. Amy, b. 1701.
13. Amy, b. 1702.
14. Phineas, b. 1704.

Ensign Nathaniel was selectman of Reading 1695-97, 1705, 1714, and 1727. Was freeman 1691, and wife died 23rd Aug., 1748.

3. PARKER, TIMOTHY, was born at Reading, Mass., Feb. 24, 1696. He moved to Hopkinton, Mass., and was married several times, but the names of his wives are not known with certainty.—

The records of Holliston Mass., which was formed from a part of Hopkinton, show, that Timothy Parker and wife, Keziah, had in Holliston:

1. Sibella, b. Dec. 28, 1746.
2. Mary, b. May 7, 1774.
3. Margeret, b. June 24, 1752.
4. Keziah, b. March 19, 1754.

~~5. NATHANIEL, b. _____, 1732, at Hopkinton, Mass.~~ Timothy died at Hopkinton, Mass., date not known. He was a farmer. We know that he had, also, a son named Solomon, whose daughter, Hannah, married Nathaniel Willis, who had a son named Nathaniel Parker Willis, the poet.

4. PARKER, NATHANIEL, ~~son of Timothy,~~ b. 1732, ~~at Hopkinton, Mass.~~ died at Holliston, Mass., Jan. 15, 1774, m. Hannah Chamberlain, of Roxbury, Mass., Jan. 1, 1756; she died, May, 1814. They had:

1. Sarah, b. Dec. 21, 1758.
2. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 28, 1760.
3. William, b. Aug. 17, 1763, m. Hannah Weld, June 9, 1793.
4. Pennel, b. April 17, 1765.

5. Nathan, b. Aug. 30, 1768.
6. Hannah, b. Nov. 25, 1770.
7. Caty, b. June 1, 1773, m. Theodore Field, Feb. 24, 1793.

5. PARKER, MAJ. NATHANIEL, son of Nathaniel, of Hopkinton, b. Nov. 28, 1760, m. Rebecca Dudley, of Roxbury, June 1, 1788. He died, Aug. 11, 1820; she died, Sept. 10, 1834. Rebecca Dudley was the fifth generation from Thomas Dudley, the emigrant of 1630, who was the second Governor of Massachusetts. They moved from Roxbury to Brimfield, Mass., in 1788. He was employed by the United States Government to transport coin from Philadelphia to Boston after the Revolutionary war. They had:

1. Nathaniel, b. March 3, 1789.
2. THOMAS, b. May 27, 1791, m. Sarah Seaver, July 27, 1820.
3. Penuel, b. Aug. 17, 1792.
4. Joseph Warren, b. Dec. 17, 1795, m. Nancy Wales.
5. William, b. Jan. 28, 1798.
6. George W., b. April 7, 1800, d. July 30, 1801.
7. Hannah, b. Feb. 25, 1804, m. Ebenezer Holden, Oct. 16, 1823.

6. PARKER, THOMAS, son of Maj. Nathaniel and Rebecca Dudley, b. at Brimfield, Mass., May 27, 1791—supposed to have died at New Orleans, La., date not known—m. July 27, 1820, Sarah Seaver, of Roxbury, Mass., who was the sixth generation from Robert Seaver, the emigrant to Roxbury in 1634. Elizabeth Clapp, her mother, was the fifth generation from Roger Clapp, the emigrant to Dorchester of 1630. She died in Roxbury, Mass., Feb. 13, 1884, aged 86 years. They lived in Dorchester, and had:

1. THOMAS HENDERSON, b. May 24, 1821, d. May 2, 1889.
2. Lucy Elizabeth, b. March 11, 1823, d. April 20, 1862, m. Geo. Billings.

3. George Jackson, b. Dec. 31, 1825, d. Jan. 13, 1860.
4. Augustus, b. Aug. 30, 1827, m. Mary E. Baker, Nov. 16, 1854.
5. Sarah, b. Dec. 21 1828.

7. PARKER, THOMAS HENDERSON, son of Thomas and and Sarah, b. Boston, Mass., May 24, 1821. He moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1844, and to Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1853. He married in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1849, Mary Joanna Cheever, b. in Providence R. I., Nov. 4, 1831. She was the seventh generation from Daniel Cheever, the emigrant to Cambridge, Mass., in 1637. Said Thomas H. was a deacon in the Baptist Church from 1853 to 1889. He was also school trustee of his school district for about the same length of time. He died at Hillsboro, Ohio, May 2, 1889. They had:

1. Howard J., b. in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1850.
2. George H., b. in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1852.
3. Edward W., b. near Hillsboro, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1855, d. Dec. 9, 1889.
4. William H., b. near Hillsboro, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1858.
5. Abbott A., b. near Hillsboro, Ohio, March 21, 1859.
6. Seaver, b. near Hillsboro, Ohio, July 5, 1860.
7. Omar N., b. near Hillsboro, Ohio, July 17, 1864.
8. Stella, b. near Hillsboro, Ohio, Oct. 19, 1869, d. Aug. 12, 1870.

7. PARKER, AUGUSTUS, son of Thomas and ~~Mary~~ Sarah, b. in Dorchester, Aug. 30, 1827, m. Nov. 16, 1854, Mary E. Baker, the daughter of Jeremiah Baker, of Dedham, Mass., and the fifth generation of Edward Baker, of Lynn Mass., the emigrant of 1630, and Abigail Prentiss, who was the sixth generation from Dea. Henry Prentiss, the emigrant to Cambridge in 1631. Said Augustus lives on a part of the old Seaver homestead in Roxbury, Mass. He was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1867, and a member of the City

Council of Roxbury in 1865, and of Boston in 1868-70-75-76. He is now vice-president of the Franklin Savings Bank, of Boston. They had:

1. William Prentiss, b. Roxbury, Mass., Dec. 11, 1857.
2. Elizabeth Seaver, b. Oct. 5, 1861, d. Sept. 5, 1863.
3. Lucy Seaver, b. Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 7, 1863.
4. Mary Scollay, b. Roxbury, Mass., Aug. 3, 1869.

7. PARKER, GEORGE JACKSON, son of Thomas and Sarah, d. unmarried, Jan. 13, 1860. In his lifetime he lived on a part of the old homestead of Ebenezer Seaver, in Roxbury, Mass.

7. PARKER, LUCY E., daughter of Thomas and Sarah, b. March 11, 1823, m. Dec. 24, 1843, George Billings, of Boston. They had:

1. Frank S., b. Feb. —, 1845, m. ———, 18—, Harriet Roulstone
2. Julia, b. Feb. 10, 1849, m. Oct. 23, 1868, Augustus Wright, and d. Nov. 18, 1869, without children.

7. PARKER, SARAH, daughter of Thomas and Sarah, b. Dec. 21, 1828. She is unmarried and lives as above stated on the old homestead of Hon. Ebenezer Seaver in Roxbury, Mass.

8. PARKER, HOWARD J., son of Thomas H. and Mary Joanna, b. in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1850, m. Viletta M. Zink, b. March 12, 1855, on Sept. 29, 1875. He lives near Medicine Lodge, Kan. They had:

1. Thomas Leroy, b. Aug. 25, 1876.
2. Arthur Pearl, b. June 2, 1878.

3. Stella Marie, b. March 28, 1880.
4. Edward Wayland, b. Oct. 2, 1881.
5. Anna Mary, b. March 2. 1885.
6. Walter Guy, b. Jan. 8, 1887.
7. John Henry, b. July 19, 1889.

8. PARKER, GEORGE HENDERSON, son of Thomas H. and Mary Joanna, b. in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1852, m. Cora Alice Heidelberg, b. Lexington, Ky., July 28,1852.daughter of Dr. George Heidelberg, who was from Heidelberg, Germany, June 16, 1874. They moved from Hillsboro, Ohio, to Cullman, Alabama, in July, 1874, and have resided there since. He is a practising lawyer, and banker at that place. They had at Cullman, Alabama:

1. George Heidelberg, b. March 15, 1875.
2. Mary Alice, b. July 27, 1877.
3. Robert Billings, b. March 31, 1879, d. April 15, 1889.
4. Hattie Gude, b. Oct. 29, 1881. ch. Henry 2/1891
5. Sarah Seaver, b. Aug. 23, 1884.
6. Henrietta, } Twins { b. April 1. 1890, d. Aug. 19, 1890.
7. Elsie Arnold. } Twins { b. April 1. 1890, d. July 27, 1890.

8. Henry b. Dec. 31-1891.